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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK NIACT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: OVIP (MANSFIELD, MICHAEL J.)

SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT

REF: (A) BANGKOK 22837 (B) VIENTIANE 1951

1. SENATOR MANSFIELD APPRECIATED DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN SECURING CLEARANCE FOR DAO AIRCRAFT TO FLY TO VIENTIANE, BUT REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE REQUEST IN VIEW OF HIS TIGHT SCHEDULE. HE SUGGESTED THAT YOU POINT OUT TO LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY, THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS DISCUSSION OF THE GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND LAOS. SINCE CONGRESS RECONVENE ON MONDAY AUGUST 23, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT HE RETURNS TO THE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. FOR BANGKOK: SENATOR APPROVES SCHEDULE (REF A) FOR MONDAY AUGUST 16. HE WOULD LIKE TO LUNCH AT ORIENTAL HOTEL AND REQUEST THAT MRS. ENGLEHARD BE INCLUDED. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO USE DAO PLANE FOR FLIGHT DIRECT TO VIENTIANE, SENATOR PROPOSES TO DEPART BANGKOK EARLY TUESDAY MORNING VIA DAO PLANE TO RANGOON.

3. FOR RANGOON: IN THE EVENT SENATOR IS UNABLE TO FLY DIRECT BANGKOK TO VIENTIANE, HE WILL SPEND TUESDAY AUGUST 17 IN RANGOON AND FLY TO VIENTIANE BY AEROFLAT FLIGHT SU 541

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DEPARTING RANGOON 0750 ON WESENDAY. HE WILL RETURN SAME

DAY VIA AEROFLAT SU 542. HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN RANGOON UNTIL
EARLY FRIDAY MORNING WHEN HE WILL RETURN TO BANGKOK VIA
DAO AIRCRAFT TO CONNECT WITH PANAM 2 DEPARTING FOR HONG
KONG 0915.

4. FOR VIENTIANE: GIVEN UNCERTAINTY OF FLIGHT CLEARANCE, APPOINT-
MENTS WITH LAO OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE. SENATOR
SUGGESTS THAT IF LUNCH WITH LAO OFFICIAL IS PLANNED, AT
LEAST SOME APPOINTMENTS BE SCHEDULED FOR MORNING. PLEASE
NOTIFY BY NIACT IMMEDIATE AS SOON AS DECISION IS RECIEVED
ON AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE SINCE SENATOR HAS EMPHASIZED STRONG
PREFERENCE FOR DIRECT FLIGHT TO VIENTIANE.
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